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April 13, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair, and Commissioners
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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Re: April 27, 2006 meeting
Agenda Item #5 – SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Bosco and Commissioners:

This is to express my strong support for the disbursement of up to \$650,000 to Heal the Bay toward the remodeling and expansion of the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium.

This aquarium is unique in that it showcases the marine life that inhabits the Santa Monica Bay all around it. It is a wonderful educational and visitor-serving facility, and the remodeling and expansion that your funding assistance will make possible will insure that it becomes even better.

Thank you for your favorable action.

Sincerely,

Fran Pavley

FRAN PAVLEY,
Assemblymember, 41st District

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COASTAL CONSERVANCY
OAKLAND, CALIF.

California State Senate

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DEBRA BOWEN
TWENTY-EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

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CARSON, CHEVROT HILLS, DEL AIR, EL SEGUNDO, HARBOR CITY, HARBOR GATEWAY,
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April 21, 2006

California Coastal Conservancy
Board of Directors
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Re: Heal the Bay/Santa Monica Pier Aquarium's Coastal Conservancy 2006
Grant Application – SUPPORT**

Dear Board Members:

I would like to offer my strong support for Heal the Bay's application to the Coastal Conservancy for a \$650,000 grant for improvements to its marine education facility, the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium.

Heal the Bay intends to use these funds to expand and enhance the environmental education exhibits and upgrade the infrastructure and life support systems at the Aquarium. An especially noteworthy feature of the Aquarium is that all of its exhibits focus on the habitats and species of the Santa Monica Bay. Heal the Bay's proposed improvements will include adding a Santa Monica Bay watershed exhibit to show students and other visitors that everyone is connected to the Bay via the watershed.

The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium provides a hands-on educational experience for school groups and the community-at-large through its interactive exhibits and touch tanks, teeming with plant and animal life from the Santa Monica Bay. Annually the Aquarium serves approximately 15,000 students and welcomes more than 60,000 visitors during public hours. Students take part in a naturalist-led program, both inside the Aquarium and on the beach, which provides a comprehensive view of the habitats of the Santa Monica Bay and the impact pollution has on them. More than half the students who visit the Aquarium on field trips are from Title 1 underserved schools.

Heal the Bay takes pride in the fact that, with strong, ongoing support from foundations and the City of Santa Monica, admission to the Santa Monica Bay Aquarium is free to children 12 and under and only \$2 for adults. In particular, Santa Monica has been a longtime, generous supporter and is planning to commit significant funds to replace the facility's leaking roof during the 2006-07 fiscal year, a project that Heal the Bay hopes to supplement with a portion of the grant it's requesting from the Conservancy.



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I strongly support Heal the Bay's application to the Coastal Conservancy for grant funding. The organization's successful public education efforts within the community, to ensure that Southern California coastal waters and watersheds are safe, healthy and clean, make Heal the Bay uniquely situated to use grant funds properly. Its commitment to educating students and the public at large on the importance of marine conservation and pollution prevention deserves continuing support. The upgrades and exhibit improvements Heal the Bay is proposing for the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium will help it to fulfill its mission, to the benefit of both coastal and inland residents in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra Bowen".

Debra Bowen
Senator, 28th District

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April 19, 2006

Chair Douglas Bosco and Boardmembers
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Heal the Bay/Santa Monica Pier Aquarium's 2006 Grant Application

Dear Chair Bosco and Boardmembers:

I am writing to lend my strong support to Heal the Bay's application for a Coastal Conservancy grant for Heal the Bay's marine education facility, the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium.

Heal the Bay is requesting Coastal Conservancy grant funds in the amount of \$650,000 to expand and enhance the environmental education exhibits and to upgrade the infrastructure and life support systems at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. The aquarium is unique in that all exhibits focus on the habitats and species of the Santa Monica Bay. Heal the Bay is particularly excited about the addition of a Santa Monica Bay watershed exhibit in order to educate students and other visitors about the ways in which everyone is connected to the Bay through the watershed.

The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium provides a hands-on educational experience for school groups and the community-at-large through its interactive exhibits and touch tanks, teeming with plant and animal life from the Santa Monica Bay. Annually the Aquarium serves approximately 15,000 students and welcomes more than 60,000 visitors during public hours. Educational programs combine a naturalist led program both inside the Aquarium and on the beach, providing a comprehensive view of the habitats of the Santa Monica Bay and the impact pollution has on those habitats. Fifty-seven percent of field trip participants were from Title I under-served schools.

The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium is open to the public throughout the year and hosts a variety of educational programs and events for the community. Heal the Bay is proud of the fact that admission is free for children 12 years and under, and admission is only \$2 for adults. They have been able to keep admission costs low because of strong ongoing relationships with foundations and the City of Santa Monica. In particular, the City of Santa Monica has been a long time generous supporter and they are planning to commit significant funds for the 06-07 budget year to replace the leaking roof on the facility.

I hope you will join me in support of Heal the Bay's application for grant funds to increase their efforts to educate students and the public on the importance of marine conservation and pollution prevention. Enhancing the educational experience at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium is an excellent way to help achieve this goal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


SHEILA JAMES KUEHL
Senator, 23rd District

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and the communities of Bel Air, Brentwood, Canoga Park, Encino, Hollywood, Mt. Olympus, Port Hueneme, Pacific Palisades,
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April 21, 2006

California Coastal Conservancy Board
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Re: Heal the Bay/Santa Monica Pier Aquarium's Coastal Conservancy 2006 Grant
Application – SUPPORT**

Dear Board Members:

Please let this letter serve as our support of an application for a Coastal Conservancy grant for Heal the Bay's marine education facility at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. We understand that Heal the Bay is requesting Coastal Conservancy grant funds in the amount of \$650,000 to expand and enhance the environmental education exhibits and to upgrade the infrastructure and life support systems in the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. This work is much needed and will enhance the wonderful programming that Heal the Bay is able to offer.

Heal the Bay's Aquarium at the Santa Monica Pier is an exceptional facility that contributes greatly to the visitors' experience. More than 15,000 school children and 60,000 visitors come to the facility annually. It's the most direct way we have to provide a comprehensive view to the public of the habitats of the Santa Monica Bay and to educate the public about the impact pollution has on those habitats. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of field trip participants were from Title 1 under-served schools.

The City of Santa Monica has long been a strong supporter of Heal the Bay at the Santa Monica Aquarium. Their funds are limited, but the service they provide is great. For this reason the City has provided Heal the Bay space for the Santa Monica Aquarium at a rate of \$1 per year and is planning a much needed roof repair in the budget for FY 2006-07.

We want to lend our voice in support of Heal the Bay and the Santa Monica Aquarium and thank the Coastal Conservancy for your favorable consideration of their grant request.

Sincerely,



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**Re: Heal the Bay/Santa Monica Pier Aquarium's Coastal Conservancy
2006 Grant Application – SUPPORT**

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In conclusion, I strongly support Heal the Bay's application for grant funds. The organization's successful involvement and efforts within the community to ensure that Southern California coastal waters and watersheds are safe, healthy and clean, make this organization uniquely situated to use grant funds properly. I urge the Coastal Conservancy to support Heal the Bay's efforts to educate students and the public at large on the importance of marine conservation and pollution prevention. Enhancing the educational experience at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium is an excellent way to help achieve this ambitious goal.

Sincerely,



Ben Franz-Knight
Executive Director